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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 20, 2007, a petition for an extension of time for three months up to and including September 20, 2007 and the required fee being filed concurrently herewith, please consider the accompanying remarks.

Amendment to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.